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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will hold a two and a half day meeting of its Standing, Socioeconomic, *Shrimp*, *Spiny Lobster*, and *Reef Fish* Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSC).

DATES: The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, and end at 12 noon on Friday, June 3, 2016. To view the agenda, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Westshore Tampa Airport Hotel, 2225 N. Lois Avenue, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 877-6688.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Day 1 - Wednesday, June 1, 2016; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- I. Introductions and Adoption of Agenda
- II. Selection of SSC representative at June, 2016 Council meeting

Standing and Socioeconomic SSC Session

- III. Socioeconomic considerations for sector management
 - a. *Reef Fish* Amendment 41 (*Red Snapper* Charter for Hire)
 - b. *Reef Fish* Amendment 42 (*Reef Fish* Headboat Management)
- IV. Grouper/Tilefish IFQ 5-year Review (Market Power Analysis)

Standing, Socioeconomic, and *Shrimp* SSC Session

- V. Approval of March 8, 2016 Standing and Special *Shrimp* SSC minutes
- VI. *Shrimp* Amendment 17B (OY, MSY, number of permits, permit pool, transit provisions)
 - a. Review of amendment
 - b. Aggregate MSY/OY Working Group summary

Standing, Socioeconomic, and *Spiny Lobster* SSC Session

- VII. Approval of *spiny lobster* portion of March 10, 2015 Standing, Special *Shrimp*, and Special *Spiny Lobster* SSC minutes
- VIII. Review of 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 (preliminary) *Spiny Lobster* Landings
 - a. *Spiny Lobster* Review Panel summary
 - b. *Spiny Lobster* AP summary
- IX. Other Non-*Reef Fish* Business

Standing and *Reef Fish* SSC Session

- X. Approval of January 5-6, 2016 Standing and Special *Reef Fish* SSC minutes
- XI. SSC members serving as Council state designees
- XII. Discussion of Methods to Address Recreational *Red Snapper* ACL
Underharvests

Day 2 – Thursday, June 2, 2016; 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Standing and *Reef Fish* SSC Session (continued)

- XIII. Review and Approval of Terms of Reference
 - a. Gag update assessment
 - b. *Greater amberjack* update assessment
- XIV. Review of Research and Operational Cycles for SEDAR Stock Assessments
- XV. Review of SEDAR Assessment Schedule
 - a. Review of SEDAR schedule as of April 2016
 - b. Council recommendations for 2019 stock assessments
- XVI. Decision Tool for *Gray Triggerfish* Bag Limits, Size Limits, and Closed
Season Analyses
- XVII. SEDAR 45 *Vermilion Snapper* standard assessment
- XVIII. Reevaluation of SSC Recommendation for *Hogfish* Equilibrium ABC
- XIX. OY Exceeding MSY in Some Scenarios

Day 3 – Friday, June 2, 2016; 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Standing and *Reef Fish* Session (continued)

- XX. Review of Draft Amendment 44 – MSST and MSY Proxies for *Reef Fish*
Stocks
- XXI. *Reef Fish* Other Business

– Meeting Adjourns –

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Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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